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1. The Director			<p>Since the two excerpts of Laird's testimony sent you earlier, I find a third passage of possible significance which is attached. I have called this to the attention of Jim Woolsey, of the Committee staff, who was present during Laird's testimony and he is struck with the references on pages 2464 (which I sent you earlier) and 2526 (attached) to the "stellar initial guidance" system. Woolsey infers that Laird is making a connection between MIRV and SIG and hopes we can get back to Defense and find out what Laird was trying to say or how he has been briefed on these matters.</p> <p>John M. Maury Legislative Counsel</p> <p>P.S. Woolsey just called again to say that Jerry Friedhein is trying to clarify the situation by putting out word that Laird means to say that the Soviets are "definitely working on the technology" for MIRV. Woolsey feels that Laird is creating serious confusion on an important subject and he very much hopes we can get some info from our contacts in Defense as to what Laird is talking about and pass the results to Woolsey in strict confidence.</p>
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1 do the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that it is important for
2 us to accelerate the hard site program as a result of this
3 particular treaty.

4 Senator McIntyre. You are asking for \$60 million
5 in fiscal 1973 in addition?

6 Secretary Laird. We are asking for \$20 million in
7 military construction, \$80 million in R&D, is the request
8 for 1973. We are asking for an augmented program here
9 that I presented to you today, with the justifications, of
10 \$60 million.

11 Senator McIntyre. Accelerate and complete development of
12 site defense.

13 Secretary Laird. Making a total program of Site Defense
14 of \$160 million for fiscal 1972.

15 Senator McIntyre. Now, the Maneuvering Reentry Vehicle
16 (MARV) for TRIDENT was justified specifically for use against
17 the Soviet ABM system. With the restriction on ABM deployment
18 isn't the Ballistic Reentry Vehicle (BRV) for the TRIDENT I
19 missile adequate so that we do not have to develop the MARV?

20 You want \$60 million that you have got in that MARV
21 Program. With the ABM restricted the way it is, why do we
22 need to press forward with MARV?

23 Secretary Laird. I think it is absolutely essential
24 that we go forward with that program in the research area,

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1 you to understand, and for the members of this committee
2 and the American people to understand, that the Soviet Union
3 is presently going forward with such a program.

4 Senator McIntyre. MARV, M-A-R-V?

5 Secretary Laird. That is correct. And this is all
6 in the research and development area, and a decision has not
7 been made on deployment. But it is important, and I urge
8 favorable consideration by this committee.

9 I think this committee has been briefed on the new
10 stellar initial guidance system that is being tested by the
11 Soviet Union and the 3,000 mile range missiles. And this is
12 a recent development, but it is one which I think is an
13 important development. And I do not believe that the U. S.
14 should not press this program.

15 Senator McIntyre. There were a number of us on the
16 R&D subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee that
17 were not impressed with the accelerated request as outlined
18 to us earlier. And we had a kind of layman's opinion that
19 this is where you get into trouble, and this is where you
20 get into more cost. And we were not completely happy with the
21 decision of 540 versus an 18,000 ton sub tomorrow, which you
22 are talking about.

23 Secretary Laird. Those are tough decisions, as you know.
24 I disagreed with the Secretary of Defense in 1957, and